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TEXAS
Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION FEBRUARY 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

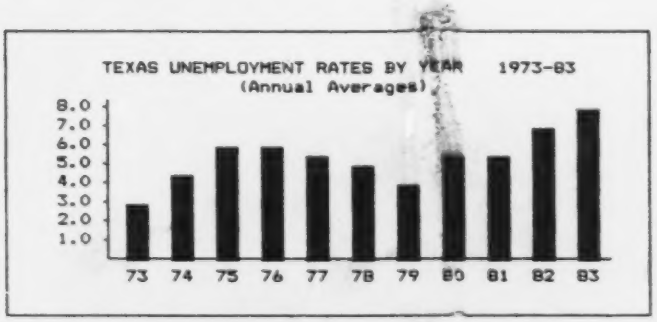
ESTIMATES REVISED

The civilian labor force estimates and the nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates published in this issue for 1983 have been revised and are not comparable to those previously published for 1983. Similar estimates for 1982 are also being revised for both labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary employment.

The revised estimates utilize the most recent data available to reflect a refinement of previously published estimates. Tabulations of revised data may be obtained by writing to the Texas Employment Commission, Economic Research and Analysis Department, TEC Building, Austin, Texas 78778.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	111,025.0	111,795.0	109,779.0
Unemployment	9,755.0	8,992.0	12,517.0
Percent Unemployed	8.8	8.0	11.4
Total Employment	101,270.0	102,803.0	97,262.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	112,215.0	112,136.0	110,677.0
Unemployment	9,026.0	9,195.0	11,523.0
Percent Unemployed	8.0	8.2	10.4
Total Employment	103,189.0	102,941.0	99,154.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,634.7	7,730.7	7,600.0
Unemployment	555.8	548.4	646.6
Percent Unemployed	7.3	7.1	8.5
Total Employment	7,078.9	7,182.3	6,953.4
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	7,648.0	7,743.0	7,612.0
Unemployment	530.0	597.0	621.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.7	8.2
Total Employment	7,118.0	7,146.0	6,991.0



The chart on the left shows annual average unemployment rates in Texas for 1973-1983. During this period, the unemployment rate remained between four and six percent until 1982. The rate hit unprecedented heights during 1982, with a high of 8.0 percent in September, as the effects of the National recession and the excess of oil and gas brought employment growth in many sectors to a standstill. Layoffs continued into 1983, when the highest rate was recorded in February, at 8.8 percent. The average for 1983 was 8.0 percent, the highest since the current series began in 1970.

EMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The normal post-Holiday slump pushed total employment in Texas down by 112,900 between December 1983 and January 1984. The loss of many Christmas jobs contributed to this decrease, along with losses related to curtailed outdoor activities and the

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TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Jan.'84*	Dec.'83**	Jan.'83*	Jan.'84*	Dec.'83**	Jan.'83**	Jan.'84*	Dec.'83**	Jan.'83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	57,500	57,700	59,000	77,800	79,100	76,300	289,500	291,300	277,100
Manufacturing	5,800	5,700	7,500	9,400	9,500	9,700	34,300	34,200	33,000
Mining	4,200	4,200	4,800	2,000	2,000	2,100	800	800	800
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,700	3,600	3,700	3,700	18,600	18,400	15,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,200	3,200	3,200	6,500	6,500	6,500	8,100	8,100	8,000
Trade	14,900	15,500	15,000	23,400	24,200	22,800	65,900	66,800	62,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,100	4,300	4,300	4,000	18,300	18,200	17,700
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,400	13,200	14,500	14,500	14,400	57,800	58,100	55,000
Government	9,600	9,500	9,500	14,100	14,400	13,100	85,700	86,700	84,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
TOTAL	138,700	141,300	142,400	62,800	63,500	61,400	44,000	46,300	43,600
Manufacturing	31,400	31,900	33,300	10,800	10,900	10,700	3,100	3,000	2,900
Mining	2,500	2,600	2,700	100	100	100	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	9,200	9,800	10,300	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,200	3,200	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	11,400	11,600	12,200	3,100	3,200	3,200	1,700	1,800	1,600
Trade	32,800	33,800	32,800	17,000	17,600	16,900	10,000	10,300	9,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,700	5,500	5,600	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	25,700	26,000	25,500	11,200	11,100	10,400	6,400	6,500	6,400
Government	20,000	20,100	20,000	14,100	14,000	13,600	16,600	18,500	16,900
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 2/			EL PASO		
TOTAL	126,700	127,700	131,700	1,607.7	1,621.7	1,533.1	164,800	165,600	162,400
Manufacturing	14,000	14,100	14,000	312.8	312.3	301.9	35,900	36,200	34,200
Mining	7,300	7,200	8,000	28.4	28.4	30.1	--	--	--
Construction	9,700	9,600	14,100	97.8	98.8	88.0	8,800	8,600	7,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	7,400	7,600	7,800	97.7	98.2	95.1	9,600	9,700	10,100
Trade	31,800	32,300	31,800	434.9	445.4	415.4	40,200	40,900	40,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	6,400	6,500	6,300	130.9	130.7	122.4	7,800	7,800	7,700
Services & Misc.	23,500	23,700	23,400	318.4	318.5	298.2	28,000	27,900	28,300
Government	26,600	26,700	26,300	186.8	189.4	182.0	34,500	34,500	33,900
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 2/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	67,800	68,900	66,500	1,502.0	1,512.9	1,516.1	61,100	61,600	58,700
Manufacturing	10,200	10,400	10,900	195.3	196.6	210.6	8,600	8,700	7,800
Mining	800	700	700	98.3	99.0	100.9	--	--	--
Construction	4,100	4,300	3,700	131.7	133.3	139.1	3,700	3,600	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	5,800	6,100	5,800	102.7	103.5	105.3	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	12,300	12,800	12,600	367.8	373.7	371.3	14,400	14,900	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,500	4,500	4,500	105.0	105.2	103.0	2,400	2,400	2,300
Services & Misc.	10,200	10,200	10,000	318.6	318.8	306.2	11,000	11,100	10,900
Government	19,900	19,900	18,300	182.6	182.8	179.7	18,000	17,900	17,900

2/ In Thousands

December freeze in Texas. While employment declined sharply, unemployment in the actual series rose only moderately over the month. The unemployment rate increased from 7.1 percent in December to 7.3 percent in January. The disparity between the large loss in employment and the much smaller rise in unemployment occurred as many of those released from Christmas jobs withdrew from the labor market rather than seek work elsewhere.

Unemployment was down substantially over the month in the seasonally adjusted series, with 70,000 fewer jobless in January. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped from 7.7 percent in December to 6.9 percent in January. Total employment declined by 55,000 in the adjusted series, or about half the amount shown in the actual series. Nationally, the unemployment rate was up considerably in the actual series, as the rate rose from 8.0 percent in December to 8.8 percent in January. The seasonally adjusted U. S. rate showed a small decrease, from 8.2 percent to 8.0 percent in January.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DROPS

The number of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas took its biggest drop in a year in January 1984, as 58,200 jobs were lost over the month. Over half of these losses -- 63 percent -- were concentrated in retail trade, bringing this sector back down to

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Industry	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	30,000	30,100	30,300	67,100	67,700	67,000	90,100	91,800	90,800
Manufacturing	1,900	1,900	1,900	14,500	14,600	15,200	9,400	9,700	13,000
Mining	1,200	1,100	1,400	4,900	4,900	4,900	500	500	500
Construction	1,300	1,400	1,300	4,700	4,700	4,800	4,000	4,100	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,200	3,200	3,700	3,700	3,600	4,800	4,900	4,700
Trade	8,900	9,000	9,300	17,200	17,600	16,900	26,700	27,000	25,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,300	1,400	2,800	2,800	2,900	5,300	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	4,900	4,900	4,800	11,000	11,100	10,800	18,900	19,000	18,000
Government	7,300	7,300	7,000	8,300	8,300	7,900	20,500	21,400	19,900
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	76,700	80,800	79,600	54,400	54,000	51,100	57,100	56,800	56,500
Manufacturing	9,400	10,800	10,600	3,900	3,800	3,600	6,100	6,100	6,600
Mining	1,500	1,400	1,500	12,100	12,300	12,900	8,700	8,900	8,900
Construction	5,200	5,300	5,100	3,500	3,500	3,700	4,400	4,600	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,700	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,000	2,900	3,000
Trade	23,400	26,300	25,900	13,500	13,200	11,600	16,700	16,500	16,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,300	3,300	3,000	3,900	3,800	3,500	2,300	2,300	2,500
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,100	10,800	9,100	9,100	8,000	8,800	8,400	7,700
Government	20,000	20,000	20,000	5,500	5,400	5,000	7,100	7,100	6,900
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
TOTAL	36,900	37,500	37,700	442,800	444,900	423,400	34,300	34,600	33,600
Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,900	49,400	49,600	48,500	11,400	11,400	10,900
Mining	800	800	1,100	3,500	3,500	3,300	200	200	200
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,500	30,600	31,200	28,600	1,300	1,300	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,700	3,800	18,500	18,400	17,300	2,100	2,200	2,100
Trade	8,900	9,200	9,000	113,200	115,200	107,200	6,800	7,100	7,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,600	1,500	32,000	32,000	30,300	1,300	1,300	1,200
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,500	7,400	95,500	95,000	90,200	6,300	6,300	6,200
Government	6,700	6,800	6,500	100,100	100,000	98,000	4,900	4,800	4,700
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			WACO		
TOTAL	45,600	46,200	44,600	57,700	58,100	57,300	74,400	75,500	70,800
Manufacturing	8,400	8,600	8,400	11,900	11,800	11,700	15,600	15,500	14,500
Mining	100	100	100	3,100	3,100	3,500	--	--	--
Construction	1,600	1,700	1,800	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,800	3,900	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,900	2,800	2,800	3,200	3,200	3,200
Trade	10,700	11,000	10,000	14,500	14,900	14,700	18,800	19,300	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,700	1,700	1,600	3,100	3,200	3,100	4,500	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,300	7,800	11,700	11,700	11,300	16,900	17,300	16,200
Government	12,800	12,800	12,800	8,000	8,100	7,600	11,600	11,700	11,200
	WICHITA FALLS								
TOTAL	53,400	53,800	51,600						
Manufacturing	9,100	9,100	8,300						
Mining	3,300	3,300	3,200						
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800						
Trade	13,500	13,700	13,100						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,500						
Services & Misc.	9,300	9,300	8,900						
Government	10,800	10,900	10,800						

the employment levels recorded for August 1983. This decline is not unexpected, as many retail jobs are created just for the Christmas season and most are deleted after the Holidays.

Continued declines in construction have pushed employment to its lowest point since mid-1979, as over 10,000 additional jobs were cut in January. High interest rates and tight money have hurt this industry badly in Texas, and the inclement weather experienced in late December and January curtailed building activities further.

Almost every sector of transportation and public utilities recorded decreases in January. The slump in travel following the Holidays adversely affected local and interurban passenger transit and air transportation; and poor weather was partly responsible for a decline in water transportation. Communication and utilities both reported layoffs due to less business. Employment in services dropped, as

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INDUSTRY	Jan. 1984*	Dec. 1983**	Jan. 1983**	Change From Dec. 1983	Change From Jan. 1983
±TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	6,223,700	6,281,900	6,115,700	- 58,200	108,000
Manufacturing	964,700	972,300	964,500	- 7,600	200
Durable Goods	552,800	554,800	553,800	- 2,000	- 1,000
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	41,000	36,500	- 200	4,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,500	7,600	7,200	- 100	300
Furniture & Fixtures	17,400	17,300	15,500	100	1,900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,200	46,900	43,600	300	3,600
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,000	21,700	20,100	300	1,900
Primary Metal Industries	33,900	33,900	33,500	0	400
Fabricated Metal Products	79,600	80,000	81,200	- 400	- 1,600
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	43,200	43,900	43,400	- 700	- 200
Machinery, Except Electrical	129,500	130,700	141,100	- 1,200	- 11,600
Oil Field Machinery	40,900	41,500	50,700	- 600	- 9,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	97,800	98,500	96,800	- 700	1,000
Transportation Equipment	72,100	72,200	69,800	- 100	2,300
Aircraft & Parts	37,300	37,300	37,900	0	- 600
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,200	23,200	300	- 700
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,000	12,100	12,600	- 100	- 600
Nondurable Goods	411,900	417,500	410,700	- 5,600	1,200
Food & Kindred Products	94,700	99,000	95,400	- 4,300	- 700
Meat Products	24,100	24,700	24,600	- 600	- 500
Dairy Products	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Bakery Products	12,500	12,800	10,700	- 300	1,800
Malt Beverages	3,400	3,400	3,200	0	200
Textile Mill Products	4,800	4,800	5,000	0	- 200
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	60,200	60,900	59,500	- 700	700
Paper & Allied Products	22,000	22,100	21,400	- 100	600
Printing & Publishing	70,300	70,300	67,500	0	2,800
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	35,100	35,500	34,700	- 400	400
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,500	76,800	78,200	- 300	- 1,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	43,100	43,500	44,500	- 400	- 1,400
Petroleum Refining	39,800	40,300	41,400	- 500	- 1,600
Leather & Leather Products	8,600	8,600	9,000	0	- 400
Other Nondurable Goods	31,700	31,500	30,200	200	1,500
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,259,000	5,309,600	5,151,200	- 50,600	107,800
Mining	264,900	263,600	273,400	1,300	- 8,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	255,000	253,900	263,700	1,100	- 8,700
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	9,900	9,700	9,700	200	200
Construction	403,400	413,600	411,200	- 10,200	- 7,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	373,300	377,200	368,000	- 3,900	5,300
Railroad Transportation	23,800	24,800	24,200	- 1,000	- 400
Transportation, Except Railroads	175,500	176,800	168,400	- 1,300	7,100
Transportation by Air	35,000	35,200	35,200	- 200	- 200
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	96,300	96,800	96,100	- 500	200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	78,800	79,300	- 1,100	- 1,600
Electric Services	43,500	44,000	44,000	- 500	- 500
Gas Production & Distribution	29,100	29,600	30,200	- 500	- 1,100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,567,800	1,604,800	1,530,100	- 37,000	37,700
Wholesale Trade	436,400	436,500	434,400	- 100	2,000
Retail Trade	1,131,400	1,168,300	1,095,700	- 36,900	35,700
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	51,900	52,600	46,800	- 700	5,100
General Merchandise Stores	149,000	161,800	148,200	- 12,800	800
Food Stores	202,400	204,800	194,600	- 2,400	7,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	131,100	131,000	126,900	100	4,200
Apparel & Accessory Stores	78,500	86,000	78,400	- 7,500	100
Other Retail Trade	518,500	532,100	500,800	- 13,600	17,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	397,600	397,700	380,400	- 100	17,200
Banking	102,700	102,600	102,000	100	700
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	122,800	122,800	121,400	0	1,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	172,100	172,300	157,000	- 200	15,100
Services	1,192,300	1,194,900	1,149,100	- 2,600	43,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	74,200	75,200	70,700	- 1,000	3,500
Personal Services	72,700	72,500	71,700	200	1,000
Business & Repair Services	314,800	313,700	297,500	1,100	17,300
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	49,500	50,600	43,000	- 1,100	6,500
Health Services	341,600	340,100	339,700	1,500	1,900
Educational Services	60,900	63,800	56,100	- 2,900	4,800
Other Services & Miscellaneous	278,600	279,000	270,400	- 400	8,200
Total Government	1,059,700	1,057,800	1,039,000	1,900	20,700
Total Federal Government	177,200	178,600	171,800	- 1,400	5,400
Total State Government	215,400	221,100	220,700	- 5,700	- 5,300
Total Local Government	667,100	658,100	646,500	9,000	20,600

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ± Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

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	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**	Jan. '84*	Dec. '83**	Jan. '83**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,900	77,900	77,900	98,400	101,400	96,600	331,200	335,300	319,700
Total Unemployment	4,100	4,400	4,000	5,500	6,400	5,700	13,100	14,000	15,500
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.6	5.1	5.6	6.3	5.9	4.0	4.2	4.8
Total Employment 2/	72,800	73,500	73,900	92,900	95,000	90,900	318,100	321,300	304,200
	BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE			BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	175,800	179,900	185,100	91,600	93,300	92,500	53,700	55,800	53,300
Total Unemployment	22,500	23,200	27,700	14,600	13,800	15,500	2,600	2,200	2,600
Percent Unemployed	12.8	12.9	15.0	15.9	14.8	16.8	4.8	3.9	4.9
Total Employment 2/	153,300	156,700	157,400	77,000	79,500	77,000	51,100	53,600	50,700
	CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/			EL PASO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,900	165,000	168,900	1,821.6	1,841.3	1,763.2	195,500	198,800	198,100
Total Unemployment	16,300	16,800	16,100	83.8	81.6	105.2	21,600	22,800	26,600
Percent Unemployed	10.0	10.2	9.5	4.6	4.4	6.0	11.0	11.5	13.4
Total Employment 2/	146,600	148,200	152,800	1,737.8	1,759.7	1,658.0	173,900	176,000	171,500
	GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY			HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
Total Civilian Labor Force	89,900	91,700	91,900	1,743.9	1,763.1	1,779.4	74,200	74,700	71,400
Total Unemployment	9,600	9,500	12,800	139.3	140.5	163.8	4,600	4,300	5,100
Percent Unemployed	10.7	10.4	13.9	8.0	8.0	9.2	6.2	5.8	7.1
Total Employment 2/	80,300	82,200	79,100	1,604.6	1,622.6	1,615.6	69,600	70,400	66,300
	LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK		
Total Civilian Labor Force	40,100	39,900	43,400	79,500	80,500	81,300	112,400	115,300	111,900
Total Unemployment	9,100	8,700	11,800	8,000	8,400	10,100	8,200	8,500	6,800
Percent Unemployed	22.7	21.8	27.2	10.1	10.4	12.4	7.3	7.4	6.1
Total Employment 2/	31,000	31,200	31,600	71,500	72,100	71,200	104,200	106,800	105,100
	MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	117,000	122,500	121,200	68,200	68,300	64,700	74,300	74,600	74,200
Total Unemployment	29,400	22,800	24,100	3,400	3,400	3,600	5,000	5,200	6,000
Percent Unemployed	25.1	18.6	19.9	5.0	5.0	5.6	6.7	7.0	8.1
Total Employment 2/	87,600	99,700	97,100	64,800	64,900	61,100	69,300	69,400	68,200
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON		
Total Civilian Labor Force	49,700	51,000	50,100	511,200	515,200	492,300	40,000	40,500	40,800
Total Unemployment	2,500	2,900	2,600	30,600	29,300	33,400	2,700	2,800	4,000
Percent Unemployed	5.0	5.7	5.2	6.0	5.7	6.8	6.8	6.9	9.8
Total Employment 2/	47,200	48,100	47,500	480,600	485,900	458,900	37,300	37,700	36,800
	TEXARKANA			TYLER			VICTORIA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,900	52,000	52,300	77,900	80,200	77,600	37,200	37,700	39,300
Total Unemployment	5,000	4,500	5,700	4,400	6,000	5,500	3,000	3,200	4,100
Percent Unemployed	9.6	8.7	10.9	5.6	7.5	7.1	8.1	8.5	10.4
Total Employment 2/	46,900	47,500	46,600	73,500	74,200	72,100	34,200	34,500	35,200
	WACO			WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	90,500	92,400	87,800	69,000	69,000	67,400	7,634.7	7,730.7	7,600.0
Total Unemployment	4,800	5,100	6,000	4,800	4,100	5,500	555.8	548.4	646.6
Percent Unemployed	5.3	5.5	6.8	7.0	5.9	8.2	7.3	7.1	8.5
Total Employment 2/	85,700	87,300	81,800	64,200	64,900	61,900	7,078.9	7,182.3	6,953.4

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3 In thousands.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Jan.± 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan.± 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983	Jan.± 1984	Dec. 1983	Jan. 1983
	FOR TEXAS								
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$377.45	$379.61	$351.42	41.8	41.9	40.3	$ 9.03	$ 9.06	$ 8.72
Durable Goods	366.08	369.51	350.95	41.6	41.8	40.2	8.80	8.84	8.73
Lumber & Wood Products	241.96	254.70	246.98	39.6	40.3	39.9	6.11	6.32	6.19
Furniture & Fixtures	224.23	226.01	229.14	38.2	38.9	38.0	5.87	5.81	6.03
Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods.	347.28	361.12	336.78	42.3	43.3	43.4	8.21	8.34	7.76
Primary Metal Industries	406.02	391.25	420.71	40.4	39.6	37.8	10.05	9.88	11.13
Fabricated Metal Products	359.92	365.56	348.79	40.9	41.4	39.5	8.80	8.83	8.83
Machinery, Exc. Electric	381.44	374.50	349.34	43.1	42.8	40.2	8.85	8.75	8.69
Oil Field Machinery	491.73	471.59	438.95	45.7	44.7	41.1	10.76	10.55	10.68
Elec. & Electronic Equip.	369.15	371.28	350.24	40.7	40.4	39.8	9.07	9.19	8.80
Transportation Equipment	506.44	518.87	474.33	44.0	44.5	42.2	11.51	11.66	11.24
Instr. & Related Products	309.28	315.87	295.67	39.6	40.6	38.2	7.81	7.78	7.74
Misc. Mfg. Industries	286.44	293.45	268.93	40.4	41.1	39.9	7.09	7.14	6.74
Nondurable Goods	392.37	392.70	352.29	42.1	42.0	40.4	9.32	9.35	8.72
Food & Kindred Products	345.39	344.00	309.75	43.5	43.6	42.2	7.94	7.89	7.34
Meat Products	295.85	291.06	289.33	43.7	42.0	42.8	6.77	6.93	6.76
Malt Beverages	666.39	656.42	585.40	43.3	43.5	41.4	15.39	15.09	14.14
Textile Mill Products	279.42	270.26	267.78	42.4	41.9	43.4	6.59	6.45	6.17
Apprl. & Other Text. Prods.	189.91	183.38	175.64	38.6	37.5	36.9	4.92	4.89	4.76
Paper & Allied Products	441.01	436.69	394.62	45.7	45.3	42.8	9.65	9.64	9.22
Printing & Publishing	343.08	352.51	321.40	39.8	40.8	39.1	8.62	8.64	8.22
Chemicals & Allied Products	606.61	602.62	506.06	42.9	42.8	40.1	14.14	14.08	12.62
Petroleum & Coal Products	626.76	655.79	581.94	44.2	44.4	42.2	14.18	14.77	13.79
Petroleum Refining	640.33	671.77	595.02	44.1	44.4	42.2	14.52	15.13	14.10
Leather & Leather Products	201.45	202.84	181.91	37.1	35.9	37.2	5.43	5.65	4.89
Other Nondurable Goods	378.84	370.96	345.10	44.0	43.9	42.5	8.61	8.45	8.12
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.68	478.58	469.73	48.0	46.6	46.6	10.66	10.27	10.08
Oil & Gas Extraction	517.56	483.81	471.59	48.1	46.7	46.6	10.76	10.36	10.12
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel	383.18	375.54	415.84	46.0	45.3	45.2	8.33	8.29	9.20
Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service	425.41	428.68	385.00	39.1	38.9	38.5	10.88	11.02	10.00
Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs.	448.14	433.63	411.42	42.0	42.1	41.6	10.67	10.30	9.89
Wholesale & Retail Trade	221.68	238.92	226.12	34.0	35.5	33.8	6.52	6.73	6.69
Wholesale Trade	364.75	362.60	354.12	40.8	40.2	39.7	8.94	9.02	8.92
Retail Trade	189.22	195.36	179.42	32.4	33.8	31.7	5.84	5.78	5.66
General Mdse. Stores	157.30	192.65	162.16	28.6	34.9	29.7	5.50	5.52	5.46
Banking	262.06	255.50	240.24	41.4	40.3	38.5	6.33	6.34	6.24

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS-FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	$375.06	$373.69	$347.60	42.0	41.8	40.0	$ 8.93	$ 8.94	$ 8.69
Durable Goods	390.69	391.02	365.20	42.1	42.0	40.0	9.28	9.31	9.13
Nondurable Goods	342.72	336.17	310.37	42.0	41.4	40.1	8.16	8.12	7.74
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	468.07	473.49	430.11	43.1	43.4	40.5	10.86	10.91	10.62
Durable Goods	415.34	410.22	383.50	43.4	43.0	39.7	9.57	9.54	9.66
Nondurable Goods	534.57	554.46	493.31	42.8	43.9	41.7	12.49	12.63	11.83
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	268.94	273.98	265.43	40.2	41.2	40.4	6.69	6.65	6.57
Durable Goods	281.60	293.76	283.72	40.0	41.2	41.0	7.04	7.13	6.92
Nondurable Goods	255.50	254.82	246.93	40.3	41.3	39.7	6.34	6.17	6.22

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift Work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

increases in business and repair services and in health services were not sufficient to overcome seasonal losses in amusement, including motion pictures, and hotels and other lodging places. The largest decrease in services occurred in educational services, where the closing of private schools and colleges between semesters pushed employment down. Finance, insurance and real estate employment remained virtually unchanged over the month.

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Two nonmanufacturing sectors -- mining and government -- registered employment growth in January. Demand continued high for oil and gas, boosting the number of jobs in mining by 1,300. Newly-funded programs and temporary hires generated sizeable gains in the local sector which helped boost employment in government, along with the commencement of the school term following the Holidays. Declines in the state sector due to the semester break at state universities and a smaller decrease in the federal segment were not enough to nullify the growth experienced at the local level.

Seasonal cutbacks and the effects of bad weather combined to drop employment in manufacturing by 7,600 over the month. The largest declines were in the food and kindred products portion of nondurable goods. This sector reported some expected losses following the end of the Holiday season. The most severe cutbacks, however, were in preserved fruits and vegetables, as workers were laid off after the remnants of the citrus harvest damaged by the hard December freeze were juiced. Smaller declines occurred throughout the nondurable goods segments.

Durable goods industries also registered decreases from December to January. Nonelectrical machinery showed the largest drop, as several large employers reported temporary layoffs. Layoffs also plagued the communication equipment sector of electric and electronic equipment. The only segments which showed upturns in employment were stone, clay and glass products and instruments and related products. The number of manufacturing production workers dropped slightly from 654,200 in December to 649,100 in January.

HOURS, EARNINGS DROP

The average manufacturing production worker was earning $9.03 per hour for an average work week of 41.8 hours and averaging $377.45 per week in January 1984. Hourly earnings dropped 3¢ over the month, and hours worked declined by 0.1 hour, pushing weekly earnings down by $2.16. Weekly earnings were up $26.03 from the year-ago figure, as average hours worked rose by 1.5 hours.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1983
Total Population	16,104,200	15,557,800
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	3.1
UI Covered Employers	296,013	288,025
Total Claims Actions	609,291	878,549
Total Initial Claims Actions	87,125	93,425
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	522,166	785,124
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$134.07	$131.77
Total Amount Paid (Net)*	$58,800,760	$94,111,608
Total Placements	33,890	28,646

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.